

like to have it done in a sensible fashion, and I think they would see this amendment as probably the kind of provision that will lead to more sensible propositions, and if it doesn't lead to more sensible propositions it will give them the ability to vote on an alternative proposition instead of being forced into that all or nothing position that they seem to be in so often, where they may want property tax relief, but Ed Jaksha has just gone a little bit too far again, and so they're forced into a position where, darn it, they got to take unreasonable Jaksha petitions, or they have to do nothing at all. And so far they've chosen nothing at all. But I submit to you that this cannot go on much longer. They will come eventually to a crossroads where they will say, we will do the unreasonable thing because we're not getting any reasonable choices and alternatives. And I think if you think about the property tax thing, that's one area where most certainly...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the Legislature would be very wise to have the alternative of an alternative proposition. Any tax matter, many important matters where we should not...we should, if there's little cost involved, why shouldn't we build into the process the alternative of assisting the people of the state with our own advice. I mean we're not such bad people. You know we get elected here to represent them. Certainly notwithstanding all their criticism, they have a level of respect for our opinion, they have a level of respect for the time we put into issues and the matters and the experience that comes from that. And I can't help but believe that they would be positive about this particular provision. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the close on the amendment 1411, offered by Senator Beutler. The question is, shall the amendment be adopted? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The amendment is not adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Withem would move to amend, Mr. President, with AM1311. (Withem amendment may be found on page 1396 of the Legislative Journal.)